

## SWEDEN FAST OVERCOMING ILLS OF WAR

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Forms Most Optimistic  
Note in Report

### WAGE CUTS PLANNED

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STOCKHOLM, May 13.—Sweden's complete future recovery from a series of painful operations for post-war ills is forecast in the official economic report of the Swedish foreign office commerce department just made public. Its principal note of deflation and international liquidation still under way, the Swedish krona is virtually at par.

**FOREIGN COMPETITION**  
The government experts find that the greatest obstacles to economic recovery lie in the competition of countries with depreciated currency and in the fact that wages have not yet been sufficiently reduced. Countries with low exchange can dump goods in Sweden at prices against which Swedish manufacturers cannot compete. Likewise, in the foreign markets, Sweden is severely handicapped because of her high exchange rate.

The report states that there is a strong tendency toward revival in many lines of industry but that the natural process of building up is delayed by unsettled conditions in central and eastern Europe, the monetary troubles and the uncompleted process of wage adjustment.

**INDUSTRIES EXPAND**  
The foreign office finds that during the second half of 1921 and the first quarter of this year there was observed a slight increase in the activities of Sweden's basic industries accompanied by expansion in foreign trade, especially in timber, pulp and paper.

Although great interest has been shown in an early return to the gold standard, the foreign office reports that doubts have been expressed of the wisdom of adopting the American dollar as basis of parity, as suggested by some financial experts.

Bank savings and deposits show a marked drop during the first quarter of the year. This is attributed to consumption of capital during the period of depression.

**BUYERS STRIKE FEELT**  
Sweden is still suffering from a buyers' strike, which accompanied the sinking price level and most industries are working on a scale of one-third to two-thirds capacity.

The signs of improvement in unemployment are weak. However the number of unemployed is going down. There were 128,700 jobless on January 31 and only 156,000 at the close of February and unemployment continues to decrease. Of these more than 65,000 were receiving government aid.

The report emphasizes that although large cuts in wage scales have been made, real wages—that is, wages compared with cost of living—are still above pre-war standard and must be lowered further. This is held to be likely in view of the cuts in the United States and England.

### STREET FATALITIES SHOWING INCREASE

LONDON, May 13.—There were eight more deaths in the United Kingdom from street accidents in 1921 than in the previous year, the figures reading 2,837 in 1920 and 2,845 in 1921.

Of the 1921 total, 2,314 deaths were the result of accidents in which motor vehicles were concerned, 256 in horse-drawn vehicles and 295 to "pedal cycles."

In the metropolitan police district, 571 fatal accidents occurred in the streets, omnibuses being responsible for 54 deaths and trams for 30.

Non-fatal accidents in which motor vehicles were concerned totalled 15,045, where buses were involved there were 1,418 and trams 2,123.

(Note—Figures showing the deaths from street accidents in the United States are not available. The number of deaths from highway accidents in the city of New York in 1921, given by medical examiner, was 1,051 of which 531 were attributed to pleasure cars, 256 to commercial automobiles and 168 to other means of transportation.)

### DELEGATES FORCE PEOPLE FROM HOMES

SOFIA, Bulgaria, May 13.—Fifty thousand delegates will attend the yearly congress of the National Peasant party in Sofia next month. Passenger and freight traffic on the Bulgarian railroads will be suspended for a whole week in order to give the delegates prompt transportation.

Thousands of home dwellers will be ejected to make way for the huge influx of peasant politicians that will find its way to the capital. A man's home in socialized Bulgaria no longer is his castle; it belongs to the government quite as much as to himself and can be requisitioned any time without a penny's compensation.

Representatives of Peasant parties in Jugoslavia, Rumania, and Poland will attend the congress. The secretary of the League Internationale also has been invited. Alexander Stambouliak, Bulgaria's picturesque premier and peasant potentate, will preside over the deliberations of the vast assemblage.

### POLES FORWARDING AMERICAN SUPPLIES

WARSAW, May 13.—An average of 40 carloads a day of American food supplies are passing over Polish railroads to Russia, to relieve the starving populations of the famine districts. Heavy congestion of Polish traffic is resulting from the failure of the Russian authorities to furnish transport at the frontier for the transfer of supplies.

As a consequence, Polish rolling stock is seriously tied up along the Russian border. Most of the relief supplies for the famine districts are transported free of charge by the Polish government.

## U. S. MARINES ON GUARD IN CHINA

These United States marines and sailors from the U. S. S. Albany are protecting American lives and business interests in China while civil war rages outside the walls of Peking.



## "A Nasty Cropper," Doncher Know!

C. F. Collins' mount, Bess, shows him where to get off in the Hussars' Subaltern point-to-point steeplechase at Ashbridge track, England.



## SAUCY CROWS ESCAPE FAMINE

Peasants Eat Cats, Dogs and Ghostly Things Not 'Unclean'

BUZULUK, Samara Province, Russia, May 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Eating crow seems literally to have been the one thing the famine-stricken peasants of the Volga have resorted to during the worst periods of the hunger suffering, when cats, dogs, clay and even more ghastly food substitutes have been greedily devoured, the country has been full of big black and gray crows.

So bold are these scavenger birds and apparently so unmolested by even the hungriest peasants, that some of them even perch upon and peck at meat supplies laden in sleds for transport from the railway stations to the villages.

Some of them may have been eaten but the correspondent saw literally hundreds of them at every place his train stopped from Samara on the way to Orenburg.

They were the fattest creatures in the famine area.

Peasants with whom the correspondent talked on this apparent anomalous condition, in a region where one instance of cannibalism had been reported, admitted that crows might be as good to eat as dogs or cats, but advanced various vague reasons as to why these birds had not been slaughtered for food.

Some said there were no guns or ammunition to shoot them and that they were extremely hard to trap or catch. Others said they were "unclean."

**PLENTY OF BABIES.**  
BUZULUK, Samara Province, Russia, May 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—There has been no baby famine in the Volga valley. Even during the six months just passed, when hundreds of thousands of adults and children have died, the stork has made a valiant fight to keep space with the Reaper. Accurate statistics are just as lacking on the birth rate as on the death rate, but an observer in the famine districts finds on every hand evidence that the peasant mothers have been fruitful even when the land was not.

The Samara district, despite the ravages of famine among children, stood out as a happy island, literally swarming with infants.

Thousands of new-born babies, thrust upon famine-stricken communities by undernourished mothers, probably have died within a few days or weeks after birth. Others are tiny living skeletons with drawn faces like old men. But most of them whom the correspondent saw were healthy and robust. Resident saw them at railway stations, in box cars riding with their mothers to some more fruitful region and elsewhere, seemed plump and rosy and happy.

**LIVESTOCK SAVED.**  
SAMARA, Russia, May 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—There is ample livestock in Samara province to work the fields and harvest the crop of 1922 despite the fact that it suffered most severely from the famine. The rugged, shaggy, little horses, great growing camels and slow moving oxen of the famine regions have withstood the winter's hunger as well or even better than the sturdy peasants.

In isolated spots totally lacking in food the livestock as well as the people have suffered tremendous mortality. Thousands of draft animals have fallen dead in the road while hauling precious food over the snows to the villages. Others have been slaughtered for food but by far the great proportion have gone through the winter and snow, with green pastures only a month or so off, are in fair shape for work.

## COMIC ARTIST IN FAME'S HALL

Engstrom Placed Among Sweden's Eighteen Living Notables

STOCKHOLM, May 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—For the first time in history of Swedish academy, founded by King Gustavus III in 1786, a humorist and comic artist has been elected to that exclusive body.

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Two others were elected at the same time as Engstrom to fill vacancies caused by death. Tor Hedberg, poet and dramatist, until recently director of the Royal Dramatic Theatre of Stockholm, and Professor Frederick Book of Lund university, one of Sweden's leading literary critics and essayists.

**ONE WOMAN MEMBER.**  
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While most of its members are eminent in the world of arts and letters, its doors are open to those who have made great distinction in other spheres, such as science and theology. The late Professor Harald Hjärne, the historian, and Oscar Montelius, the prehistoric archaeologist, both of whom died recently, were members. Archbishop Nathan Söderblom, head of the Swedish church is a member. Miss Selma Lagerlof is the only woman ever elected to the Swedish academy.

**GENERAL REJOICING.**  
Although Engstrom's admission to the academy marks almost as radical a departure from old traditions as that of Miss Lagerlof, the Swedish press and public as a whole rejoice that Engstrom has become "one of the eighteen." Engstrom's popularity is based on his brilliant essays, principally on marine subjects as well as on his sympathetic sketches of the common people, sailors, fishermen, longshoremen and country types.

**U. S. SEED GIVING BIG COTTON YIELD**

ASINCTION, May 13.—The cotton crop in Paraguay this year is estimated at 4,410 bales. Seed imported from the United States is found to be giving a yield nearly 50 per cent greater than the native seed.

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## BASHFUL GIANT

Eugene Arceau is called "the bashful giant of France." He is seven feet six inches. He dodged the cameraman when he arrived on the La Savoie, but they snapped his smile and his size-22 shoes.



## Trees Made Into Early Editions in Just Three Hours

BERLIN, May 13.—Trees on which birds warbled their morning song are turned into newspaper and sold as midday editions on the same day in certain towns of the Harz district.

Another of the series of more than 50 posters says: "Since he signed the treaty Michael Collins has made 35 speeches, given 65 press interviews and written 48 newspaper articles. If he made 135,000,000 speeches, and wrote 48 newspaper articles, he could not alter this fact: That under the treaty the King of England is King of Ireland."

Other handbills urge voters to vote against the treaty in the coming election. Among the arguments used are such statements as the following: "Every town and village in Ireland will be another Michael Collins, ready to introduce his new army and police."

"If Griffith and Collins win the elections the worst kind of war—namely, civil war—will destroy the country."

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"Therefore every vote for the Free State is a vote for War."

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**SEEKS ECONOMY IN HOUSEHOLD OF KING**

LONDON, May 13.—In order to effect economies to the extent of 10,000 pounds a year in the royal household, R. E. Harwood, has been appointed deputy treasurer to the king.

## BLOOD FOES OF HAPSBURGS

Countess Karolyi of Hungary and her baby. Tradition says one of the early Karolyis pronounced a curse against the Hapsburgs, rulers of Austria—and look at the Hapsburgs now!



## CAUGHT IN THE ACT

They jump right in—these early spring British swimmers—even if the water is icy cold. It's at the Chiswick open air baths.



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## DARING PLOTS BY ASS

Betrayer Reveals On Lives of Lenin and Lenin

### CAUSED RED

Soviet Dictator Poisoned Bullets Wreck

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